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LOYOLA LOOKING FORWARD TO IMPROVED GRID SEASON

The Loyola Warriors who finished with a three win, five lose season are anticipating an improved record this season. The amount of improvement remains to be seen as Head Coach Bob Lincoln puts it, "we must have leadership and exceptional play by the veterans and rapid maturation by our freshmen if we are going to finish among the leaders in the competitive Central Canadian League".

Football has to rate as the most difficult of sports to build a winner on the collegiate level, as the labors of the Loyola coaching staff and players will attest. This year's training camp has been a rigorous one. Of the seventy initial candidates sixteen, faint of heart, dropped out.

"I would rather have them quit now than in a tough game later in the season", stated Lincoln.

Loyola opens the local Collegiate Football Season next Tuesday against St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York.

In complying with a depth chart after twelve days of training for the opener, Quarterback Coach Sam Etcheverry rates Terry Whelan his choice for the starting pivot spot with John Courtney ready behind him. Marc Bruneau, the twenty-three year old Ex-Quebec Rifle scored two touchdowns from a fullback spot during the intersquad scrimmage and if his blocking improves Backfield Coach George Dixon intends to name Bruneau to a starting fullback berth along with either Freshman John Manning or Dave Robinson at the other fullback spot.

Co-Captain Hugh Adams will be manning his normal left half spot and Larry Farley and senior Wayne Cummerford are battling it out for the other halfback post, with the starter undecided upon at present.

Along the offensive line Andy Malolepszy, Dave Willson and Dwayne Dudgeon have turned it into a three way battle for the two starting end positions. Claude Thompson has been moved from guard to right tackle to bolster this spot left naked by graduation losses. It will be Brian McDonough or John Cymbrak at left tackle for the St. Lawrence game. Doug Malliff and John Tackney will get the call at guard slots. Peter Card will be tested at Center.

On defense Fiery Assistant Coach Pete Kondos will go with Ron Pollard, Paul Bonczkowski, Charlie Oxley, Mike Smith and maybe Co-Captain Jack Sutton along the front five. Sutton arrived late for Camp and has not played up to par to date.

After losing twenty pounds Bob Mielle who reported in at 280 lbs is also rated a change to start.

The linebacking roles will be either Don Foglietta or former Loyola High Schooler Lou Lussier at middle linebacker. Dom D'Ermo from VilleMarie at left corner and Mario Dello Sbrabai or Toronto's Steve Niemirowski at right corner linebacker. In the deep secondary Veteran Kev Butler will attempt to stabilize three rookies Lange, Martel, Mansolli who have temporarily won starting roles.

Against four touchdown favorites St. Lawrence and powerful Queen's the Warriors intend to experiment and test personnel to come up with the best personnel and offense and defense for the key intercity game against McGill. Head Coach Lincoln stated, "We are aiming for the McGill game as of now. Naturally, we would like to upset St. Lawrence or Queen's but finding the right combination by the McGill game is more important".

This could be the year that the Loyola Warriors establish themselves as the top Collegiate football team in Montreal, and that in itself would be a big step forward for the ambitious West Enders.